

# G.B. Perfins - Earliest Surviving and Longest Lived Dies.

## Stamp Issue Codes used in the main body of the study.

**A** Code not used - QV stamps pre 1880 either 'described' or by reference to SG numbers.

<b>B</b> QV 1d Lilac	<b>C</b> QV High Values	<b>D</b> QV Lilac & Green issue.
<b>E</b> QV Jubilee issue	<b>F</b> KEVII definitives	<b>G</b> KEVII High Values
<b>H</b> KGV Downey heads	<b>I</b> KGV Typographs	<b>J</b> KGV Seahorses
<b>K</b> KGV 1924/5 BEX	<b>L</b> KGV 1929 PUC	<b>M</b> KGV Photogravure
<b>N</b> KGV Silver Jubilee	<b>O</b> KEVIII definitives	<b>P</b> KGV Coronation
<b>Q</b> KGV Dark colours	<b>R</b> KGV Light colours	<b>S</b> KGV Changed colours
<b>T</b> KGV Commemoratives	<b>U</b> QEII Wildings	<b>V</b> QEII Machins (£sd)
<b>W</b> QEII Machins (£p)	<b>X</b> QEII Commemoratives	<b>Y/Z</b> QEII Regionals (£sd/£p)

An analysis of G.B. Perfin Dies surviving into the modern Elizabethan era results in the following mini 'league table' of 'earliest surviving' and 'longest lived' dies. To date, some **23,948\*** different dies have been reported on the postage stamps of Great Britain, although in the 'fullness of time' this figure is expected to exceed **24,000**.

\* Correct to **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012**.

## Earliest Surviving.

Just **three dies** are currently known to have survived in use from the Queen Victoria 'Penny Red' period (i.e. pre 1880) into the modern Elizabethan era. All three are listed here along with all known stamp details.

"D&C<sup>o</sup>.." (D0850.01M)



In use: 1875-1958. [Life of at least 83 years].

Dates: 3 June 1884 - ... Dec 1956.

Issues: QV ½d (SG48) - plates 11, 15  
 QV 1d (SG43) - plates 136 140 145 148 159 160 167 169  
 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177  
 181 183 184 185 186 190 191 192  
 193 194 195 196 197 198 200 201  
 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210  
 211 213 214 216 220 221 225

QV 1½d (SG51) - plate 3

QV 2d (SG47) - plates 14, 15

QV 1d, 1½d (SG166/7) QV 2½d (plate 23)

B 1d (16 dots) D ½d, 1½d, 2½d E ½d (both), 1½d, 2½d

F ½d (both), 1d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d H ½d, 1d

I(RC/BC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 6d L 1½d, 2½d

M ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d N ½d, 1d, 1½d O ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d

Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d R ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d

S 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 5/- T ½d (SG479), 2d (SG482)

T 2½d (SG491), 6d (SG501), 1/- (SG502)

U(TC/SEC) 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 1/-

X 3d (SG567)

Note: Perfin *usually found sideways* but also known upright. Block of six shows evidence for multiheaded die.

Ident: Davies & Co, Advertising Agents, Booksellers, Foreign Newspaper Agents, 1 Finch Lane, Cornhill, London EC. Later (post 1900?) at 95 Bishopsgate, London EC2.

Pmks: 'FB', 'NPB', and London EC.

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## G.B. Perfins - Earliest Surviving and Longest Lived Dies.

“de in G” (G1390.01)



In use: 1876-1972. [Life of at least 96 years].  
 Dates: 20 May 1878 - 1 Apr 1972.  
 Issues: QV ½d (SG48) - plate 10  
 QV 1d (SG43) - plates 150 160 161 170 174 180 181  
 183 184 186 187 191 195 200  
 201 204 205 206 207 208 209  
 211 213 214 220 222

QV ½d (SG164) B 1d (14 & 16 dots)  
 E ½d (verm), 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 9d, 1/- (red/gr)  
 F ½d (bl-gn), 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-  
 H ½d I ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/- L 2½d  
 M ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 5d, 9d, 1/- N ½d  
 O ½d, 1d, 1½d Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 3d, 7d

WWII Occupation:

1941-42 issue ½d, 1d 1943 issue 1d, 2½d

R 1d, 2½d S 1½d, 2½d

Third Anniversary of Liberation: 1d, 2½d

T 2½d (SG493/5)

U(TC/MC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 7d, 9d, 1/-  
 V 6d (mint)

X 2½d (SG623) X 3d (SG619, SG624) X 6d (SG621)

Y (Jersey) 3d, 4d (B,S), 5d (mint)

Independent Postal Administration from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1969.

3p “Rothchild’s Mynah” on cover dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 1972.

Note: Perfin *usually found sideways* but also known upright.

Sloper m/c No.5080, completed **24<sup>th</sup> June 1876**.

Pin in ‘D’ damaged/removed c1901/2 and never repaired.

Ident: Abraham de Gruchy & Co Ltd, Drapers, House Furnishers  
 & Costumiers, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

[Registered 29/10/1887]. Known originally as Abraham de Gruchy.

Pmks: ‘409’ Jersey.

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Missing pin in ‘D’

“H&/GS” (H2980.01)



Note - Die refurbishment c1925?

In use: 1878-1962. [Life of at least 84 years].

Dates: 14 Aug 1886 - 21 Nov 1947.

Issues: QV ½d (SG48) - plates 11, 15, 20  
 QV 1d (SG43) - plates 174 185 195 201 207 211 218  
 QV 1½d (SG51) - plate 3  
 QV 2d (SG46) - plates 13, 15  
 QV 1d (SG166)

B 1d (16 dots) D 1½d E 1½d, 3d, 6d

F 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 4d (gr/br), 6d

I(RC/BC) 1d, 1½d, 2d, 6d L 1d, 2½d M ½d, 1½d, 3d

N 1½d O ½d, 1d, 1½d P 1½d Q 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6d (gn)

R ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d S 2½d T 2½d (SG491, SG499, SG513)

U(TC/MC) 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4½d, 1/-, 2/6d, £1

X 2½d (SG557)

X 3d (SG567, SG632 - *introduced 14 Nov 1962*)

Note: Perfin *usually found sideways* but also known upright.

Ident: H & G Simonds Ltd, Brewers, ‘The Brewery’, Bridge St, Reading.  
 Also 10 Grosvenor St, London SW, Hastings and Dublin.

*Registered in 1885, but were brewers at Reading and  
 Henley-on-Thames since 1760. In 1960 they merged to  
 become Courage, Barclay & Simmonds.*

*[Info via Dave Hill].*

Pmks: ‘635’ Reading.

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## Dies found on stamps from all Six Reigns.

**Note:** The current list stands at [98](#), so probably in excess of **100 Victorian** dies may have survived in use into the Elizabethan era. Thus there is plenty of scope to find and collect dies appearing on stamps from *each of the six different reigns*.

The following list, arranged in earliest die order, shows the *dies known on All Six Reigns*.

The *first three* also appear on Queen Victoria Line Engraved stamps.

\* Identified user - In fact, all except three have known/suspected user(s).

1	D0850.01M	D&C <sup>o</sup> ..	*	1875	1958	83	50	M5320.01	M&S/N	*	1895	1955	60
2	G1390.01	de in G	*	1876	1972	96	51	A2900.01	A.H/&S	*	1895	1957	62
3	H2980.01	H&/GS	*	1878	1962	84	52	D1560.01	DELIUS	*	1895	1957	62
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4	F3930.01	FS/&S	*	1880	1955	75	53	J0970.03	J.B/&S	*	1895	1957	62
5	T2095.03	T.H.B	*	1881	1970	89	54	J1515.01	J.CI/B	*	1895	1957	62
6	J7160.01	J/SMITH	*	1882	1969	87	55	S0090.01m	S on A	*	1895	1957	62
7	M1060.02M	M/C	*	1882	1975	93	56	S0090.01am	S on A	*	1895	1957	62
8	P4380.01aM	P.S/NC	*	1884	1953	68	57	S0090.01bm	S on A	*	1895	1957	62
9	W4370.02	WILLS	*	1885	1953	68	58	T2230.01	THH/N	*	1895	1959	64
10	H6350.06	H&S	*	1885	1957	72	59	J0660.02	J.B/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1960	65
11	L0280.02a	L&B	*	1885	1957	72	60	L3180.01	LINE	*	1895	1960	65
12	P3540.01M	POTTER	*	1885	1957	72	61	B0013.14	B	*	1895	1965	70
13	J6660.01	J&/RS	*	1885	1958	73	62	B1110.02M	BC	*	1895	1965	70
14	R4800.01M	R.S&J/L <sup>td</sup> .	*	1885	1960	75	63	J2780.01M	JF/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1965	70
15	C6800.10	C&S	*	1885	1962	77	64	K0340.02M	KC/L	*	1895	1965	70
16	H5690.02M	H&P	*	1885	1969	84	65	N2520.03M	N&P	*	1895	1965	70
17	C0270.02M	C/AN/S	*	1885	1969	84	66	C8570.01	CWW	*	1895	1965	70
18	P3500.02	P&O/C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1885	1980	95	67	R0475.04	R.B/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1966	71
19	B6420.01mM	BS (mono)	*	1887	1960	73	68	H2240.01m	HEAT ...	*	1895	1967	72
20	B5060.01M	BN	*	1887	1975	88	69	C1260.03	C/C	*	1895	1967	72
21	B5375.02M	BofM	*	1888	1970	82	70	B4730.01M	B.M.	*	1895	1968	73
22	S1210.04M	SC	*	1888	1995	107	71	J7780.01M	J.T./&J.T.	*	1895	1970	75
23	D2230.03	D&H	*	1890	1955	65	72	C3660.01	CIC <sup>o</sup> L <sup>d</sup>	*	1895	1970	75
24	U0060.03M	UA	*	1890	1955	65	73	M5850.01	MV/C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1975	80
25	U0370.01	U.C.	*	1890	1955	65	74	C0010.29	C	*	1895	1975	80
26	A4640.01M	AP/&/SLd	*	1890	1957	67	75	P2610.01M	PJ	*	1895	1977	82
27	R4600.01	RS/&C	*	1890	1957	67	76	F1870.01	FH&P	*	1895	1978	83
28	L1300.02	L/&C <sup>o</sup> /L <sup>d</sup>	*	1890	1965	75	77	H7900.01M	H.W.V/L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1985	90
29	T0370.01M	T.B.B.	*	1890	1968	78	78	O0380.01	O.C.	*	1895	1985	90
30	G0170.01M	GAS	*	1890	1969	79	79	B3820.03M	BJ/&B	*	1897	1957	60
31	O1180.02	O&M	*	1891	1960	69	80	J6460.03	JR/&C <sup>o</sup>	*	1897	1957	60
32	S0460.03bM	SB	*	1891	1971	80	81	B5650.01	BPB	*	1898	1965	67
33	R4380.01	RR/&C <sup>o</sup> /L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1953	58	82	M1130.03	McC	*	1899	1954	55
34	B6430.06aM	B&S	*	1895	1954	59	83	G0011.12M	G	*	1899	1967	68
35	J8280.01	J.W	*	1895	1954	59	84	B0019.01M	B	*	1900	1954	54
36	K0710.01	KESSLER	*	1895	1954	59	85	D3585.01	DOCK/RELL	*	1900	1954	54
37	O0870.01	O&H/L	*	1895	1954	59	86	B3810.01M	B&J	*	1900	1955	55
38	R4770.01M	R.S/&J	*	1895	1954	59	87	A2720.02M	A.H	*	1900	1957	57
39	R0070.02	RAB	*	1895	1954	59	88	D3310.01	DMS	*	1900	1957	57
40	S0680.01	SB/C <sup>o</sup> /L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1954	59	89	G2960.02	GK	*	1900	1957	57
41	S4760.03	SM	*	1895	1954	59	90	B6730.01M	B&S/L <sup>d</sup>	*	1900	1958	58
42	T5270.01	T/Y	*	1895	1954	59	91	H6810.03	HS/&S	*	1900	1960	60
43	W1250.01	W.C./L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1954	59	92	S6440.08M	S&S	*	1900	1960	60
44	C3270.01	CHI	*	1895	1954	59	93	W5020.01	W&L/L <sup>d</sup>	*	1900	1960	60
45	C6500.01	C.R/&C <sup>o</sup> ..	*	1895	1954	59	94	B4850.01aM	B.M/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1900	1965	65
46	D1780.01	D.F. in circle	*	1895	1955	60	95	I1380.01aM	IJG/CL <sup>d</sup>	*	1900	1965	65
47	D0290.01	D&B/B	*	1895	1955	60	96	N0520.01	N.C	*	1900	1965	65
48	F0210.03	FB	*	1895	1955	60	97	B7100.01	BT/C	*	1900	1969	69
49	H1240.01	HC/B	*	1895	1955	60	98	B1110.05M	BC	*	1900	1995	95

Six Reigns list correct to **14<sup>th</sup> September 2012**.

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The same list of Six Reign dies arranged in alphabetical order.

Makes it easier to look and see which dies you have in your collection!

1	A2720.02M	A.H	*	1900	1957	57	50	J0970.03	J.B/&S	*	1895	1957	62
2	A2900.01	A.H/&S	*	1895	1957	62	51	J1515.01	J.CL/B	*	1895	1957	62
3	A4640.01M	AP/&SL <sup>d</sup>	*	1890	1957	67	52	J2780.01M	JF/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1965	70
4	B0013.14	B	*	1895	1965	70	53	J6460.03	JR/&C <sup>o</sup>	*	1897	1957	60
5	B0019.01M	B	*	1900	1954	54	54	J6660.01	J&/RS	*	1885	1958	73
6	B1110.02M	BC	*	1895	1965	70	55	J7160.01	J/SMITH	*	1882	1969	87
7	B1110.05M	BC	*	1900	1995	95	56	J7780.01M	J.T./&J.T.	*	1895	1970	75
8	B3810.01M	B&J	*	1900	1955	55	57	J8280.01	J.W	*	1895	1954	59
9	B3820.03M	BJ/&B	*	1897	1957	60	58	K0340.02M	KC/L	*	1895	1965	70
10	B4730.01M	B.M.	*	1895	1968	73	59	K0710.01	KESSLER	*	1895	1954	59
11	B4850.01aM	B.M/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1900	1965	65	60	L0280.02a	L&B	*	1885	1957	72
12	B5060.01M	BN	*	1887	1975	88	61	L1300.02	L/&C <sup>o</sup> /L <sup>d</sup>	*	1890	1965	75
13	B5375.02M	BofM	*	1888	1970	82	62	L3180.01	LINE	*	1895	1960	65
14	B5650.01	BPB	*	1898	1965	67	63	M1060.02M	M/C	*	1882	1975	93
15	B6420.01mM	BS (mono)	*	1887	1960	73	64	M1130.03	McC	*	1899	1954	55
16	B6430.06aM	B&S	*	1895	1954	59	65	M5320.01	M&S/N	*	1895	1955	60
17	B6730.01M	B&S/L <sup>d</sup>	*	1900	1958	58	66	M5850.01	MV/C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1975	80
18	B7100.01	BT/C	*	1900	1969	69	67	N0520.01	N.C	*	1900	1965	65
19	C0010.29	C		1895	1975	80	68	N2520.03M	N&P	*	1895	1965	70
20	C0270.02M	C/AN/S	*	1885	1969	84	69	O0380.01	O.C.	*	1895	1985	90
21	C1260.03	C/CC		1895	1967	72	70	O0870.01	O&H/L	*	1895	1954	59
22	C3270.01	CHI	*	1895	1954	59	71	O1180.02	O&M	*	1891	1960	69
23	C3660.01	CIC <sup>o</sup> L <sup>d</sup>	*	1895	1970	75	72	P2610.01M	PJ	*	1895	1977	82
24	C6500.01	C.R/&C <sup>o</sup> ..	*	1895	1954	59	73	P3500.02	P&O/C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1885	1980	95
25	C6800.10	C&S	*	1885	1962	77	74	P3540.01M	POTTER	*	1885	1957	72
26	C8570.01	CWW	*	1895	1965	70	75	P4380.01aM	P.S/NC	*	1884	1953	68
27	D0290.01	D&B/B	*	1895	1955	60	76	R0070.02	RAB	*	1895	1954	59
28	D0850.01M	D&C <sup>o</sup> ..	*	1875	1958	83	77	R0475.04	R.B/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1966	71
29	D1560.01	DELIUS	*	1895	1957	62	78	R4380.01	RR/&C <sup>o</sup> /L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1953	58
30	D1780.01	D.F. in circle	*	1895	1955	60	79	R4600.01	RS/&C	*	1890	1957	67
31	D2230.03	D&H	*	1890	1955	65	80	R4770.01M	R.S/&J	*	1895	1954	59
32	D3310.01	DMS	*	1900	1957	57	81	R4800.01M	R.S&J/L <sup>td</sup> .	*	1885	1960	75
33	D3585.01	DOCK/RELL	*	1900	1954	54	82	S0090.01m	S on A	*	1895	1957	62
34	F0210.03	FB		1895	1955	60	83	S0090.01am	S on A	*	1895	1957	62
35	F1870.01	FH&P	*	1895	1978	83	84	S0090.01bm	S on A	*	1895	1957	62
36	F3930.01	FS/&S	*	1880	1955	75	85	S0460.03bM	SB	*	1891	1971	80
37	G0011.12M	G	*	1899	1967	68	86	S0680.01	SB/C <sup>o</sup> .L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1954	59
38	G0170.01M	GAS	*	1890	1969	79	87	S1210.04M	SC	*	1888	1995	107
39	G1390.01	de in G	*	1876	1972	96	88	S4760.03	SM	*	1895	1954	59
40	G2960.02	GK	*	1900	1957	57	89	S6440.08M	S&S	*	1900	1960	60
41	H1240.01	HC/B	*	1895	1955	60	90	T0370.01M	T.B.B.	*	1890	1968	78
42	H2240.01m	HEAT ...	*	1895	1967	72	91	T2095.03	T.H.B	*	1881	1970	89
43	H2980.01	H&/GS	*	1878	1962	84	92	T2230.01	THH/N	*	1895	1959	64
44	H5690.02M	H&P	*	1885	1969	84	93	T5270.01	T/Y	*	1895	1954	59
45	H6350.06	H&S	*	1885	1957	72	94	U0060.03M	UA	*	1890	1955	65
46	H6810.03	HS/&S	*	1900	1960	60	95	U0370.01	U.C.	*	1890	1955	65
47	H7900.01M	H.W.V/L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1985	90	96	W1250.01	W.C./L <sup>d</sup> .	*	1895	1954	59
48	I1380.01aM	IJG/CL <sup>d</sup>	*	1900	1965	65	97	W4370.02	WILLS	*	1885	1953	68
49	J0660.02	J.B/&C <sup>o</sup> .	*	1895	1960	65	98	W5020.01	W&L/L <sup>d</sup>	*	1900	1960	60

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### Earliest Dated Examples.

A list of early covers appeared in Bulletin N°. 317 (April 2002) in the article '*New Earliest Cover Reported*', reproduced and updated here.

A new '*Earliest*' Perfin cover has been reported with a very early date of **5<sup>th</sup> January 1869** - tantalisingly close to the Perfin collectors 'holy grail' of an 1868 cover. Tony's cover has a joined pair of QV 4d plate 10 stamps perfined with the initials "SM/&C<sup>o</sup>" (S4920.01).



S4920.01

The **only 1868** date so far reported is **November 1868**, on a loose stamp (6d plate 6). This also has the initials "SM/&C<sup>o</sup>" (S4920.01).

In the past I've kept an unpublished list of the early covers I either see in publications or collectors report to me (see below). Perhaps now is a good time to extended it to include ***all 1869 covers known to exist*** (and earlier if anyone has one!) to give a feel for scarcity. Just ***twenty-two*** have been reported so far involving ***seven*** different dies!



C2087.01



C3730.02



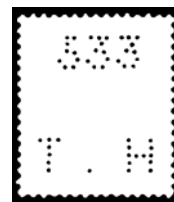
F3845.01



G4350.01aM



S4930.02



#0420.02

	Date	Initials	Cat No.	Stamps involved	Image
1	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1869	SM/&C <sup>o</sup>	S4920.01	2 x 4d pl 10	
2	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1869	C.D/&C <sup>o</sup>	C2087.01	1d Red pl n/k	
3	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1869	C.D/&C <sup>o</sup>	C2087.01	4d pl 10 + 1/- pl 4	
4	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1869	GR/W	G4350.01aM	1d Red pl n/k	
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1869	C.D/&C <sup>o</sup>	C2087.01	2d pl 12 + non-perf 1d Red	
6	29 <sup>th</sup> April 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	1d plate 123	
7	6 <sup>th</sup> May 1869	GR/W	G4350.01aM	1d Red pl	
8	7 <sup>th</sup> May 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	???	
9	16 <sup>th</sup> May 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	???	
10	21 <sup>st</sup> June 1869	C.D/&C <sup>o</sup>	C2087.01	4d pl 11 + 1/- pl 4	Yes
11	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	1/- pl 4 + non-perf 2d	
12	25 <sup>th</sup> June 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	1/- pl 4 + non-perf 2d	
13	28 <sup>th</sup> June 1869	533/T.H	#0420.02	1d Red pl 123	
14	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1869	C.D/&C <sup>o</sup>	C2087.01	4d pl 11	
15	20 <sup>th</sup> July 1869	GR/W	G4350.01aM	1d Red	
16	24 <sup>th</sup> July 1869	S.M/&Co	S4930.02	6d pl 8	
17	25 <sup>th</sup> July 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	1/- pl 4 + non-perf 1d (pl 102)	
18	30 <sup>th</sup> July 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	6d pl 8 + non-perf 1d (pl 102)	
19	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1869	C.D/&C <sup>o</sup>	C2087.01	2 x 4d pl n/k	
20	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1869	C.I.H/&S	C3730.02	4d pl 11	
21	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1869	SM/&C <sup>o</sup>	S4920.01	6d pl 8	
22	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1869	F.S/L	F3845.01	Stamp details n/k	

***Please report any covers you may have or know about that are additional to the list!***

## G.B. Perfins - Earliest Surviving and Longest Lived Dies.

### Longest Lived.

Only a handful of dies are believed to have remained in use for **90 years or more**, although one of these, de Gruchy's "de in G" with 96 years, has already been covered in the 'Earliest Surviving' category. The others are:

### 107 Years - at least 1888 to 1995.

"SC" (S1210.04M)



In use: 1888-1995. [Life of at least 107 years].

Dates: 15 July 1888 - 3 Oct 1995.

Issues: B 1d (16 dots) E ½d (both), 1½d

F ½d (both), 1d, 3d H ½d, 1d

I ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d L 1½d M ½d, 1½d N ½d, 1½d O ½d, 1½d

P 1½d Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d R ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d

S ½d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d T 1d (SG480) T 2½d, (SG499, SG513)

U(TC/MC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 9d, 1/-

V 1d, 2d (both), 3d, 4d (both), 5d, 6d, 1/-, 10/-

W ½p to 22p (various)

W(ell) 10p, 25p, 26p X 2d (SG626) X 3d (SG619/624/632/637)

X 7p (SG975), 15p (SG1467), 20p (SG1469)

Note: Die known to be multiheaded (possibly 6x1).

Letters are characteristically irregular after the early 1960s.

Ident: Salford Corporation, Lancashire.

Known used by Salford Police.

Salford became a CBC by Act of parliament in 1835, and obtained city status in 1926. [Info from Stephen Steere].

Pmks: Salford, '498' Manchester, Swinton, and Eccles. Also Bally..., Co M(ayo).

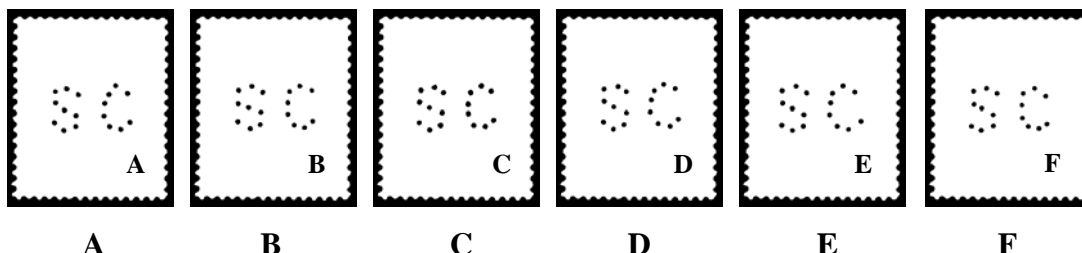
Note: Couldn't find any reference to 'Salford Corporation' in the Councils study 1963-1971.

Early examples of "SC" (S1210.04M) appear with 'regular' letters, as illustrated at the top of the page. The die is thought to have been multiheaded based on impressions on large format stamps with missing pins.



It would appear that the heads became progressively choked, and sometime in the early 1960's they were either refurbished or replaced. The resulting letters are somewhat 'irregular' and can be easily differentiated.

**Six distinct patterns** can be recognised so the implication is that the original configuration would have been six heads probably arranged in a single horizontal line i.e. 6x1.

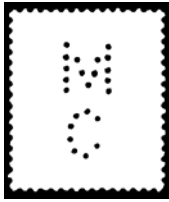


Does anyone have any strips/blocks to help place the 'refurbished' patterns in their correct position in the die?

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**98 Years** based on 'rounded' die in use dates, *but at least 1882 to 1979 (97 years).*

"M/C" (M1060.02M)



In use: 1882-1928, 1941-1980. [Life of at least 79 years].  
 Dates: 16 Aug 1882 - 24 July 1979.  
 Issues: QV 3d (plate 21)  
         QV 3d on 3d  
         B 1d (16 dots)  
         D ½d, 3d  
         E ½d (both), 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d  
         F ½d (both), 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 4d (gr/br), 6d  
         H ½d, 1d  
         I (RC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 4d  
         I(BC) ½d, 1d, 1½d  
         **M none! O none!**  
         Q 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 6d  
         R ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d  
         S ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 4d  
         U(TC/MC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 5d, 6d, 9d, 10d, 1/-  
         U 4d (SG593-graphite)  
         V ½d, 1d, 2d (both), 3d, 4d (both), 5d, 6d, 9d, 1/-  
         W ½p, 1p, 1½p, 2½p, 3p, 4p, 4½p, 5p, 10p (all 1<sup>st</sup> Issues)  
         X 2½d (SG557), 4d (SG763)



Ident: Manchester Corporation, Lancashire. {Incorporated 1838}.  
 Includes: City Art gallery.  
             College of Technology.  
             Education Committee.  
             Rivers Dept.  
             Also Booth Hall Hospital, Blackley, Manchester 9.  
 Councils study (September 1965):  
     ... *Perfins "produced in the Council's Stationery Department on a machine containing **10 dies side by side**. The machine was manufactured by a local firm called T C Thompson Ltd".*

Note: There appears to be a large gap in the use of this die, say 1928-1941, probably filled by using "M/C" (M1060.03M).

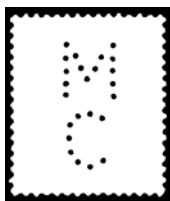
Latest date known *before* the gap is 7<sup>th</sup> July 1925.

Earliest date known *after* the gap is ... 1945.

Pmks: Mainly '498' Manchester. Also reported Bolton, Bury, and Macclesfield.

The large gap noted in the use of "M/C" (M1060.02M) was probably filled by "M/C" (M1060.03M) - see below.

"M/C" (M1060.03M)



In use: 1900-1905, and 1928-1945.  
 Dates: 27 Dec 1900 - 1 Sep 1941.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots) E ½d (gn) F ½d (bl-gn)  
         I(BC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 1/- L ½d, 1½d, 2½d  
         M ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 5d O ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d  
         Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d R ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d

Note: Perfin usually found sideways but also known upright.  
 Different missing pins in a joined pair indicate a multiheaded die.

Ident: Manchester CB, Lancashire. Including Rivers Dept.

Pmks: '498' Manchester.

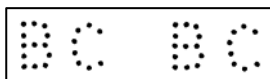
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**95 Years** based on 'rounded' die in use dates, *but at least 1900 to 1992 (92 years)*.

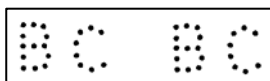
"BC" (B1110.05M)



Top Row



Bottom Row



In use: 1900-1995. [Life of at least 92 years].  
 Dates: 6 Mar 1900 - ... May 1992.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots) E ½d (gn), 2½d  
 F ½d (both), 1d, 4d (gr/br), 6d H ½d, 1d  
 I ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 6d L ½d, 1½d M ½d, 1½d O ½d, 1½d  
 P 1½d Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 6d, 1/- R ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d  
 S ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d T ½d, 1d (SG479/480) T 2½d (SG491/3/513)  
 U(TC/MC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 1/-  
 U(SEC/MC) 2/6d V 1d, 3d, 4d (both), 5d, 6d, 1/-, 1/6d, 2/6d  
 W ½p-28p (various) W 10p, 20p, 50p (SG829/830/1)  
 W(ell) 1p, 19p, 25p  
 X 2d (SG626), 4d (SG771), 6d (SG621)  
 X 8p (SG1104), 9p (SG1075/1083), 12p (SG1116/1121/1129)  
 13p (SG1375), 14p (SG1147/1155), 15p (SG11467), 15½p (SG1192)  
 16p (SGg1215), 17p (SG1294/1304), 18p (SG1376/1380),  
 19p (SG1790), 20p (SG1469), 24p (SG1607)

Note: Multiheaded die, **2x2**. See illustrations opposite.

Ident: Burnley CB, Lancashire.  
 Councils study - "Perfins produced in the Treasurer's Department on four impression machine of unknown make". { 1960's }.

Pmks: 'BU' in triangle, Burnley, Burnley & Nelson, and Burnley & Pendle, Lancs.

**95 Years** based on 'rounded' die in use dates, *but at least 1885 to 1980 (95 years)*.

"P&O/Co." (P3500.02)



In use: 1885-1980. [Life of at least 95 years].  
 Dates: 8 Aug 1885 - 9 Sep 1948.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots) C 2/6d, 5/-, 10/- D 2½d  
 E ½d (verm), 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 4½d, 5d, 6d, 1/- (gn)  
 F ½d (ye-gn), 1d, 2½d, 4d (gr/br), 5d, 6d H ½d, 1d  
 I ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d L ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d  
 M ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 1/- N ½d, 1½d, 2½d  
 O ½d, 1½d, 2½d P 1½d  
 Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6d (both), 5/-, 10/-  
 R ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d  
 T 2½d (SG491), 3d (SG484)\*, 6d (SG497)  
 U(MC) 3d  
 W 1p, 12p (introduced **1980**)

Note: \* Evidence for single headed die.  
 Perfin also found sideways.

Ident: Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co,  
 H/O 122 Leadenhall St, London EC3.  
 Also had Offices at 25 Cockspur St, London SW.  
 At Redheath House, Croxley Green, Herts (in 1943).

Pmks: London.



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**85 Years** based on 'rounded' die in use dates, *but at least 1908 to 1993 (85 years).*

**Note:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 1889 - Registered as the General Electric Co Ltd.  
27<sup>th</sup> September 1900 - Registered as the General Electric Co (1900) Ltd.  
24<sup>th</sup> August 1903 - Registered as the General Electric Co Ltd.

"GE/C" (G1540.01M)



In use: 1908-1993. [Life of at least 85 years].  
Dates: 25 Jan 1908 - ... 1989.  
Issues: F ½d (ye-gn), 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d (or), 5d, 7d, 1/- G 2/6d  
H ½d, 1d  
I (RC/BC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d (both), 10d, 1/-  
J 2/6d (types 'A' and 'B'), 5/- (type 'B'), 10/- (type 'B')  
L ½d, 1½d, 2½d  
M ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 1/-  
N ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d  
O ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d  
P 1½d  
Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 7d, 8d, 9d, 10d, 11d, 1/-  
Q 2/6d (both), 5/-, 10/-, £1  
R ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d  
S ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 4d, 2/6d, 5/-, 10/-, £1  
T ½d, 1d, 2d (SG479/480/2), 2½d (SG491/495/499/513)  
T 3d (SG492/496/500), 6d (SG497), 1/- (SG498)  
U(TC/MC) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d (both), 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d  
U(TC/MC) 7d, 8d, 9d, 1/-  
U(SEC/MC) 2/6d, 5/-, 10/-, £1  
V 4d (both), 5d, 6d, 9d, 1/-, 1/6d, 2/6d  
W ½p-31p (various)  
W 10p (Sg829), 20p (SG830), 50p (SG831)  
W £1 (SG1026), W(ell) 25p (introduced **26<sup>th</sup> October 1993**)  
X 2½d (SG532/634), 4d (SG558/**560**/652/784), 6d (SG647/660), 8d (SG653)  
X 9d (SG657/677/683) X 1/- (SG668) X16p (SG1254)



**Note:** Die known to be multiheaded, configuration unknown.

**Ident:** The General Electric Co Ltd.  
H/O Magnet House, Kingsway, *London WC2.*

**Known used** at the following locations:

Kemble House, Kemble St, *London WC2.*  
Magnet House, 32 Market St, *Aberdeen.*  
Magnet House, 13 Queen St, *Belfast.*  
Magnet House, 125 Moor St, *Birmingham 4.*  
16 Saint Andrew St, *Dublin.*  
26/30 North Lindsay St, *Dundee.*  
Magnet House, 8 George St, *Edinburgh.*  
13 Falcon Square, *Inverness.*  
Magnet House, Wellington St, *Leeds 1.*  
Bold St, *Liverpool.*  
Service Depot, Greycoat St, Westminster, *London SW1.*



**Pmks:** Mainly London - but also Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Dublin, Dundee, Edinburgh, Inverness, Ipswich, Leeds, Liverpool, London SW1, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Penzance, Southampton, and Stoke-on-Trent.

The places underlined have known offices/works.

## G.B. Perfins - Earliest Surviving and Longest Lived Dies.

There is another die that just might creep into the 'nonagenarian' category - "U.L" (U1170.01M), known used 1903-1996 (93 years). However, I think *more than one die* is represented in the details recorded in the *New Illustrated Catalogue* so this may take a little time to sort out!

"U.L" (U1170.01M)



In use: 1903-1996.  
Dates: 14 Mar 1905 - ... April 1994.  
Issues: To be worked on!!!  
Ident: University of London, Senate House, Malet St, London WC1. Also London SW7.  
Pmks: South Kensington, London WC, and Stanmore, Middlesex.

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Since publication of the 'Earliest Surviving and Longest Lived Dies' article in the Perfin Society Bulletin (B323), one more die can be considered as a contender for the 'nonagenarian' category.

**90 Years** based on 'rounded' die in use dates, *but at least 1898 to 1982 (84 years)*.

Note: This die is listed in Tomkins with 'rounded' die in use dates of 1895-1975 (die life of 80 years), but has since been reported with a May 1982 date, increasing the terminal date significantly.

"O.C." (O0380.01)



In use: 1895-1985. [Life of at least 84 years].  
Dates: 30 Dec 1898 - ... May 1982.  
Issues: B 1d (16 dots) E ½d (both), 1½d, 3d  
F ½d (ye-gn), 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d  
H 1d I ½d, 1d, 1½d, 3d L ½d, 1½d  
M ½d, 1d, 1½d O ½d, 1½d  
Q ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d R ½d, 1d, 2½d S ½d, 1½d, 2½d  
T ½d, 1d (SG479/480)  
U(TC/MC) ½d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d  
V 1d, 3d, 4d (both), 6d  
W ½p, 1p, 2p, 2½p, 3p, 3½p, 6½p, 7p, 8p, 9p, 10p  
W ½p-16p (various)



Note: Strikes poor after c1965.  
Ident: Oldham Corporation, Lancashire.  
Councils study (April 1966):  
"Supplies of perfins obtained from a local printing firm who employ a very old, hand operated, single die machine."  
Pmks: Oldham, Lancs.

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'Longest Lived & Earliest Surviving' dies - study compiled by Roy Gault  
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Alastair Walter, and Terry Wood (ob).

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Richard Smolnicki, and Alastair Walter.

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